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SUBJECT: NPW PORT VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI

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1. DESIRE BY PRIMIN MULDOON (REFTEL A) FOR USS TRUXTUN
STOP IN FIJI ENROUTE TO REQUESTED 27 AUG TO 2 SEP NEW
ZEALAND VISIT IS UNDERSTOOD AND YOUR EFFORTS REPORTED
REFTEL B TO KEEP TRUXTUN FIJI VISIT OPEN ARE APPRECIATED.

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2. UNDERSTANDABLY, NAVY CANNOT COMMIT TRUXTUN TO A FIJI

VISIT WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE THAT TRUXTUN VISITS TO NEW ZEALAND AND/OR AUSTRALIA HAVE BEEN APPROVED. REGAINING NPW ACCESS TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND PORTS IS THE PRIMARY NEED FOR THE NAVY AND DEPLOYMENT OF LIMITED NPW ASSETS TO SOUTH PACIFIC WITHOUT VISITS TO THESE COUNTRIES CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED OPERATIONALLY.

3. WITH RESPECT TO SENDING AN EXPERT TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND TO THE GOF, THE ASSURANCES WE PROVIDE TO HOST COUNTRIES CONCERNING NPW VISITS ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND NOT SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. RESTRICTIONS ON RELEASE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND U.S. POLICY OF MAINTAINING WORLDWIDE APPROACH TO

NPW PORT ENTRY WOULD PLACE ANY U.S. EXPERT IN UNDESIRABLE POSITION OF HAVING TO REFUSE TO ANSWER THE MANY DETAILED QUESTIONS GOF COULD BE EXPECTED TO ASK. OUR EXPERIENCE INDICATES SUCH A SITUATION IS GENERALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO GAINING HOST COUNTRY ACCEPTANCE OF NPW. THEREFORE, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE WITH NEW ZEALAND, WE PREFER TO DEAL WITH HOST COUNTRIES THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES, SUCH AS NAVAL ATTACHE WELLINGTON, USING INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT AND REFERRING TECHNICAL AND LEGAL QUERIES BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR PREPARATION OF A COORDINATED RESPONSE.

4. WITH ABOVE POINTS IN MIND, WE ARE WILLING TO REOPEN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FIJI GOVERNMENT CONCERNING NPW ACCESS, AND BACKGROUND AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED TO AMEMBASSIES SUVA AND WELLINGTON FOR USE IN DEALING WITH GOF. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SUCH ACTION SHOULD ONLY BE TAKEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NPW ACCESS TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA IS OUR PRIMARY GOAL AND THAT WE DO NOT LET OUR EFFORTS IN FIJI DILUTE OR PREJUDICE OUR EFFORTS IN THE TWO MORE IMPORTANT ANZUS COUNTRIES. IF A TRUXTUN VISIT TO FIJI CAN BE ARRANGED ENROUTE TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT PERMIT GNZ TO PREDICATE ITS ACTIONS ON OUR RESULTS IN FIJI. ONCE WE HAVE GNZ APPROVAL OF TRUXTUN VISIT, WE WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON APPROACHING GOF.

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5. IN REGARD TO PM'S DESIRE FOR EARLY NPW FOLLOW-ON VISIT TO TRUXTUN'S VISIT, NAVY IS EVALUATING PROSPECTS FOR SUBSEQUENT NPW VISITS.

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